

Health Advisory:

Hurricane Katrina: Information for Cancer Patients

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Health Alerts convey information of the highest level of importance which warrants immediate action or attention from Missouri health providers, emergency responders, public health agencies, and/or the public.

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For evacuated individuals and others seeking to assist those who may be in need of cancer services, the following websites offer state-specific information:

- National Cancer Institute. Hotlines & Internet resources for cancer patients needing assistance after Hurricane Katrina
<http://www.cancer.gov/katrina>
1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)
- American Cancer Society. Hurricane Katrina resources and contacts by state
http://www.cancer.org/docroot/COM/COM_2005_NCIC_Katrina_Resources.asp
- CDC-funded Cancer Control Programs (program contact information)
<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/procontacts.htm>

If you have questions, please contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Unit of Cancer and Chronic Disease Control at 573 522-2845, or DHSS' Department Situation Room (DSR) at 800/392-0272.